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CENTRAL COMMAND

# SAFESTAT REPORT

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## Overview

In February the winter weather patterns that the Central Command had been experiencing subsided. The change in weather resulted in an overall decrease of 41.7% in the total number of crashes personnel handled when compared to the previous month. Along with the decrease in crashes came a decrease in overall activity by 104 violations or 2.6% also when compared to the previous month.

Of the 77 crashes handled by Central Command personnel, one involved a fatality for a 75.0% decrease, 17 involved injuries for a 55.3% decrease and 59 involved property crashes damage for a 34.4% decrease. These decreases were largely due to the break in winter storms which was not the case the previous two months. Crashes involving commercial vehicles increased by 4 over January. Of the 20 crashes that involved commercial vehicles, the commercial driver was at fault in 8 of the crashes or 40% of the time. Of the 20 crashes only 4 or 20% of the crashes occurred on the Interstate.

Overall enforcement activity decreased by 2.6% as compared to the previous month but increased by 34.3% when compared to the same time period the previous year. Significant increases were noted in DUI arrests prior to crash of 65.0%; other arrests of 36.0% and occupant restraint violations of 18.1%.

The Commercial Operations Section showed declines in every category, except two in February. There was a decrease in total inspections of 16.3% which led to fewer violations discovered which in turn led to a decrease in citations as well as vehicles and drivers being placed out of service. The number of trucks weighed declined by 9.5%. Of the 619 trucks weighed, 129 were conducted on secondary roadways during 279 hours of directed enforcement. These issues will be addressed and an improvement should be noted in March.

Traffic personnel conducted 430 level 3 inspections in February resulting in 902 violations, 240 safety citations and 70 drivers being placed out of service.

The Communication Center showed a decrease of 24.4% in the number of radio transmissions, a 9.3% decrease in CAD incidents generated and a 2.3% increase in telephone calls during February.

Central Command personnel performed well during the month and we will strive to improve in areas of concern.



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**CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW**

	February-06		February-05	% Change		January-06	% Change
Total Crashes	77		86	-10.5%		132	-41.7%
Property Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	59		60	-1.7%		90	-34.4%
Injury Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	17		24	-29.2%		38	-55.3%
Fatal Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	1		2	-50.0%		4	-75.0%
DUI Crashes [DUI charged]	2		3	-33.3%		5	-60.0%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	1		3	-66.7%		4	-75.0%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	1		1	0.0%		0	100.0%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	0		2	-200.0%		2	-200.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	0		0	0.0%		2	-200.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	0		0	0.0%		0	0.0%
Total persons killed -- seatbelts not applicable	0		0	0.0%		0	0.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	20		18	11.1%		16	25.0%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	15		11	36.4%		12	25.0%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	4		7	-42.9%		3	33.3%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	1		0	100.0%		1	0.0%

Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 1.3%

Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 2.6%

Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 100.0%

Percentage of commercial vehicle crashes to total crashes 26.0%

**NARRATIVE ANALYSIS**

[Narrative analysis to include trends or other applicable issues]

- 👍 Total crashes in the Command declined by almost 42%. There were decreases in all types of severity, most notably, injury and fatal crashes. Much of this can be attributed to good weather throughout most of the month.
- 👍 There were only 2 crashes involving an impaired driver, down 60% from January. The average BAC was .093.
- 👎 The one driver killed in the fatal crash was not wearing a seat belt.
- 👎 Crashes involving commercial vehicles increased by 4 from January. Of the 20 crashes involving a commercial vehicle the commercial vehicle driver was at fault in only 8, 40%, with drivers of passenger vehicles at fault in 3 of the crashes and animals struck in 6 of the crashes. Of the 20 crashes, only 4 or 20%, occurred on the Interstate; 60% were in the southern portion of the Command. The one fatal crash involving a commercial vehicle was not the fault of the commercial vehicle driver.

**FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY***[Narrative analysis to include trends or other applicable issues]*

	February-06		February-05	% Change		January-06	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes	2		3	-33.3%		5	-60.0%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes	33		13	153.8%		20	65.0%
Other Arrests	204		109	87.2%		150	36.0%
Total persons arrested (DUI included)	97		52	86.5%		75	29.3%
Speed violations	1997		1457	37.1%		2076	-3.8%
Hazardous moving violations	198		201	-1.5%		253	-21.7%
Occupant restraint violations *	404		292	38.4%		342	18.1%
Total violations [above violations included]	3841		2861	34.3%		3945	-2.6%
<b>Commercial Enforcement</b>							
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	38		17	123.5%		61	-37.7%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	18		13	38.5%		32	-43.8%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	546		515	6.0%		652	-16.3%
Terminal inspections [level 5]	0		0	0.0%		0	0.0%
Total safety violations -- citation	94		100	-6.0%		156	-39.7%
Total safety violations -- repair order	777		855	-9.1%		1024	-24.1%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	30		32	-6.3%		58	-48.3%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	26		37	-29.7%		47	-44.7%
Total school buses inspected	35		60	-41.7%		18	94.4%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	6		5	20.0%		7	-14.3%
Total trucks weighed	619		138	348.6%		684	-9.5%
Total overweight citations	11		5	120.0%		10	10.0%
Total dyed fuel inspections	521		570	-8.6%		583	-10.6%
Total dyed fuel citations	0		1	-100.0%		0	0.0%

**NARRATIVE ANALYSIS***[Narrative analysis to include trends or other applicable issues]*

Total overall activity declined by 2.6% or 104 fewer violations. However, when looking at the average number of violations per calendar day, there was an increase of 9.9 violations per day in February as compared to January based upon 3 fewer calendar days to work.



Arrests of impaired drivers prior to a crash increased by 65% over January and 154% from February 2005. The average BAC was .175.

- 👍 Occupant restraint violations increased by over 18%. The 404 violations is the third highest total in Central Command in the past two years. The only two higher months were May of each year where overtime shifts were provided for occupant restraint enforcement.
- 👎 Speed violations declined slightly, 79 fewer violations and hazardous violations declined by almost 22%.
- 👎 One disappointing area in February was that of Commercial Enforcement. There were declines in every category, except two. Fewer inspections were conducted which led to fewer violations discovered, which in turn led to a decrease in citations as well as vehicles and drivers placed out of service.
- 👎 The number of trucks weighed declined by 9.5%, but one additional overweight violation was discovered. Of the 619 vehicles weighed, 129 were conducted on secondary roadways during 279 hours of directed enforcement.
- 👍 With the decline in the number of inspections conducted came a corresponding decline in the number of dyed fuel checks. However, of the 521 checks, 302 were conducted during 272 hours of directed enforcement.

Commercial Activity [TRAFFIC PERSONNEL ONLY]						
	Level 2/3 Inspections	Safety Violations Citation	Safety Violations Repair Order	Drivers Placed "Out of Service"	Dyed Fuel Inspections	Dyed Fuel Citations
	#	#	#	#	#	#
February-06	430	249	902	70	357	0
January-06	432	253	965	55	370	0
% Change	-0.5%	-1.6%	-6.5%	27.3%	-3.5%	#DIV/0!

February-06	430	249	902	70	357	0
February-05	320	219	794	51	219	1
% Change	34.4%	13.7%	13.6%	37.3%	63.0%	-100.0%

- 👍 Traffic personnel conducted 430 Level 2/3 inspections of commercial vehicles and their drivers. This is only 2 fewer than in January, but with 3 fewer calendar days, the number of inspections conducted each day rose by 1.4. The number of violations discovered declined, but 70 drivers were placed "out of service."



ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	February-06	February-05	% Change	January-06	% Change
COMMUNICATION CENTER					
Radio Transmissions	68,030	69,897	-2.7%	89,995	-24.4%
CAD incidents	10,533	9,067	16.2%	11,612	-9.3%
Telephone Calls	10,105	10,028	0.8%	9,874	2.3%
Call Box Incidents	18	N/A	#VALUE!	27	-33.3%
FRONT OFFICE					
Accident Reports Processed	56	111	-49.5%	110	-49.1%
Arrest Reports Processed	92	40	130.0%	55	67.3%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	23	18	27.8%	5	360.0%
COURT / WARRANT					
Warrants Received	280	344	-18.6%	319	-12.2%
Warrants Entered	350	401	-12.7%	438	-20.1%
Warrants Cleared	418	322	29.8%	183	128.4%
Warrants Validated	1992	1918	3.9%	2541	-21.6%
Extradition / Transports	4	3	33.3%	6	-33.3%
EVIDENCE					
New Cases Submitted	52	27	92.6%	32	62.5%
New Items Submitted	274	55	398.2%	89	207.9%
Items Disposed	26	3	766.7%	18	44.4%

**Contract Service overtime was 112.25 hours on 3 contracts totalling \$7,305.**

#### NARRATIVE ANALYSIS

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- ☒ The number of radio transmissions and telephone calls in the Communications Center for February is not an accurate total, as a few days are missing when the information could not be tracked with the installation of new radio base stations and ancillary equipment. The number of CAD and Call Box incidents is correct, with declines in both.
- ☒ The total number of reports processed by Front Office personnel increased by one over January. The number of accidents reports declined due to Field Operations investigating fewer crashes and arrest reports increased with the increase in persons arrested.
- ☒ Court Warrant personnel processed fewer warrants in February in the areas of warrants received, entered and validated. There was a 128% increase in the number of warrants cleared.
- ☒ The evidence vaults handled 20 more cases than in January which had a 208% increase in the number of items submitted.

**PERSONNEL**

The Central Command held its awards ceremony for the fourth quarter of calendar year 2005 and the annual awards for 2005. The award winners were:

Employee of the Quarter	Tpr. Thomas Martinez
Supervisor of the Quarter	Sgt. Fred Wurster
Dispatcher of the Quarter	PSD Elaine Russell

Employee of the Year	Tpr. Rocky Gonzalez
Supervisor of the Year	Sgt. Fred Wurster
Dispatcher of the Year	PSD Mayra Cortez

The annual award for the most significant contribution to the Central Command was presented to the Southern Command of NHP with Major Tilt accepting the award on behalf of the Southern Command.

**PUBLIC INFORMATION**

- ☒ Tpr. Gonzalez led a Critical Incident Stress Debriefing for Child and Family Services for a local incident involving their personnel.
- ☒ A child passenger safety seat class was conducted with 6 persons becoming certified. A child safety seat checkpoint was held as part of the class with 14 persons having their seats inspected.
- ☒ The Family Vehicle Safety Program was held as the results of child seat violations with 7 persons attending.
- ☒ A driver safety program was conducted for ALS Chem X with 12 persons attending.
- ☒ Tpr. Gonzalez participated in a Methamphetamine Conference hosted by the Te Moak Housing Authority in Elko.



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